

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-48 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER DOUBLE PATENTING:

Claims 1-48 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-53 of U.S Patent 7,200,683 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent. Without admission as to the indistinctiveness of the claims, in view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, the Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-48 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-25 of copending Application No. 10/812,010. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented. Without admission as to the indistinctiveness of the claims, in view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, the Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-48 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-31 of copending Application No. 10/811,796. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented. Without admission as to the indistinctiveness of the claims, in view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, the Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

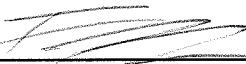
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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